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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

PATENT APPLICATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Herewith is the PATENT APPLICATION of  
Inventor(s): James M. Little

Title APPARATUS AND METHOD TO GENERATE AN ADAPTIVE  
SLICER THRESHOLD FOR BINARY DATA

Atty. Dkt.: PW 024 9736 | P12828  
M# Client Ref

including:

Date: October 31, 2001

1. Specification: 26 pages (only spec. and claims)
2. ☐ Specification in non-English language
3. Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy ☒ Abstract 1 page(s); 30 numbered claims
4. ☒ Drawings: 7 sheet(s) ☐ informal; ☒ formal of size: ☐ A4 ☒ 11"
5. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National or International application(s). ("X" box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 5 or 6). (Prior M# SN )
6. **AMEND the specification** please by inserting before the first line: -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:  
6(a) ☐ National Appln. No. / filed (M# )  
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which designated the U.S., and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--
7. ☐ **AMEND the specification** by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/ , filed .--
8. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
9. ☐ Prior application is assigned to

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10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in

11. (country)

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12. (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) in U.S. Application No. / filed on
13. Small entity status → ☒ is **not** claimed; ☐ is claimed (**Pre-filing confirmation required**)
- 13(a). ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (since 9/8/00 small entity statement(s) **not essential** to make claim)
- 13(b). ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

14. DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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15. ☐ This application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who was not named in the prior application.

16. ☐ Attached:

17. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

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- ☒ Patent application (26 pages of specification; 30 claims; 1 pages of abstract)
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1340.00 to cover the filing fee
- ☒ A Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☒ 7 sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ Return postcard
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